

## VOTE YES on PROPOSITION 57

California public safety leaders and victims of crime support Proposition 57 – the Public Safety and Rehabilitation Act of 2016 – because Prop 57 focuses resources on keeping dangerous criminals behind bars, while rehabilitating juvenile and adult inmates and saving tens of millions of taxpayer dollars.

Over the last several decades, California's prison population exploded by 500% and prison spending ballooned to more than \$10 billion every year. Meanwhile, too few inmates were rehabilitated and most re-offended after release.

Overcrowded and unconstitutional conditions led the U.S. Supreme Court to order the state to reduce its prison population. Now, without a common sense, long-term solution, we will continue to waste billions and risk a court-ordered release of dangerous prisoners. This is an unacceptable outcome that puts Californians in danger – and this is why we need Prop 57.

*Prop 57 is straightforward – here's what it does:*

- Saves taxpayer dollars by reducing wasteful spending on prisons.
- Keeps the most dangerous offenders locked up.
- Allows parole consideration for people with non-violent convictions who complete the full prison term for their primary offense.
- Authorizes a system of credits that can be earned for rehabilitation, good behavior and education milestones or taken away for bad behavior.

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- Requires the Secretary of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to certify that these policies are consistent with protecting and enhancing public safety.
- Requires judges instead of prosecutors to decide whether minors should be prosecuted as adults, emphasizing rehabilitation for minors in the juvenile system.

*We know what works.* Evidence shows that the more inmates are rehabilitated, the less likely they are to re-offend. Further evidence shows that minors who remain under juvenile court supervision are less likely to commit new crimes. Prop 57 focuses on evidence-based rehabilitation and allows a juvenile court judge to decide whether or not a minor should be prosecuted as an adult.

*No one is automatically released, or entitled to release from prison, under Prop 57.*

- To be granted parole, all inmates, current and future, must demonstrate that they are rehabilitated and do not pose a danger to the public.
- The Board of Parole Hearings – made up mostly of law enforcement officials – determines who is eligible for release.
- Any individuals approved for release will be subject to mandatory supervision by law enforcement.

And as the California Supreme Court clearly stated: parole eligibility in Prop 57 applies *"only to prisoners convicted of non-violent felonies."*

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Prop 57 is long overdue.

Prop 57 focuses our system on evidence-based rehabilitation for juveniles and adults because it is better for public safety than our current system.

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Prop 57 keeps the most dangerous criminals behind bars.

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Edmund G. Brown Jr., Governor of California

Mark Bonini, President, Chief Probation Officers of California

Dionne Wilson, widow of police officer killed in the line of duty

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